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1. Neither Peru nor Yugoslavia has taken any steps to implement the commercial accord signed on 26 July 1950, and it is believed by members of the Yugoslav colony in Peru that the Yugoslav government is not so much interested in fostering trade in Latin America as in laying the groundwork for the reestablishment of diplomatic relations in this hemisphere. The Yugoslav Consulate in Lima has received no instructions regarding the trade accord, and the Yugoslav Legation in Buenos Aires has taken no steps toward opening a Yugoslav commercial office in Lima.
2. According to source, shortly after the agreement was signed, a merchant and wine manufacturer, Desire Voisin, called at the Yugoslav Consulate seeking information on prices and other details concerning the importation from Yugoslavia of pipes, lumber, tartaric acid, citric acid, and glycerine. The Buenos Aires Legation was requested to supply the desired information for Voisin. A month later the Lima Yugoslav Consulate was instructed to advise Voisin that the information he wished was not available to the Legation in Buenos Aires and that he should write directly to exporters in Yugoslavia, sending copies of his inquiries to the Legation in Buenos Aires. Voisin reportedly lost interest in his projected business deal.

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